DIN VDE 0250-814 · HEAVY RUBBER TRAILING CABLE · CRANES AND REELS | 0.6/1 kV | 3 sizes | CR rubber | BARE COPPER | TENSILE SUPPORT BRAID | REELING / FESTOON DUTY

NSHTöu 18G 0.6/1 kV

Heavy Rubber Trailing Cable with Tensile Support 0.6/1 kV – 18 cores of equal cross-section in concentric layers with a short lay length. Polychloroprene rubber sheath. Complete technical data sheet: construction, dimensions, weights, current ratings, voltage drop and installation guidance for 3 sizes.

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01 Application and Product Overview

NSHTöu is the heavy rubber trailing cable for cranes, reels and festoon systems that move under tension. The design follows DIN VDE 0250-814: EPR/HEPR-insulated cores of fine-wire copper are stranded with a short lay length, a rubber inner sheath carries a tensile support element and an oil-resistant polychloroprene outer sheath protects the cable. Compared with a plain NSHTöu cable the tensile support allows a permanent load of 15 N/mm² and a dynamic load of 30 N/mm² on the copper cross-section.

Design

The cores are insulated with rubber of type 3GI3 (HEPR) for 90 °C at the conductor. Cores and protective conductors are stranded in short-lay layers; in the three-core designs with split PE the protective conductors lie in the outer interstices, so that the power cores form a compact, balanced triangle. A rubber inner sheath is extruded over the stranded core; an aramid tensile support braid bedded between the sheaths takes the axial load; the outer sheath is polychloroprene 5GM5. The construction keeps the copper free of tension, which is what extends cable life on reels and cranes.

Typical applications

- Crane, hoist and bridge-crane trailing cables with a cable chain or festoon trolley
- Cable reels of bucket-wheel excavators, stackers, reclaimers and portal cranes
- Mobile harbour and container equipment with repeated winding and unwinding
- Mining machinery, drilling rigs and shuttle systems that carry the cable under tension
- Mobile crushing and screening plants fed from a reel or a drag-cable arrangement
- Industrial hoisting systems with long free-hanging lengths
- Tunnelling machines and transfer cars with tensile and torsional loading
- Test rigs and shiploading equipment that need a cable approved for reeling duty

3 sizes	0.6/1 kV	+90 °C	CR rubber
Cross-section 1.5 – 4 mm²	Rated voltage U_0/U	Maximum conductor temperature	Sheath: CR rubber

Key features

- Aramid tensile support braid: permanent load 15 N/mm², dynamic load 30 N/mm² on the copper cross-section
- HEPR insulation, 90 °C at the conductor, short-circuit temperature 250 °C
- Reeling-duty bending radii of 6 × D to 10 × D depending on diameter
- Oil-resistant polychloroprene sheath, flame-retardant to IEC 60332-1-2
- Split PE conductors in the outer interstices (3×+3E designs) for a round, compact core
- Fine-wire class 5 conductors, bare or tinned
- 3 sizes from 1.5 to 4 mm²; weight from 1,050 to 2,160 kg/km; copper from 259 to 690 kg/km

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Core layout and conductor

18 cores of equal cross-section in concentric layers with a short lay length. Core colours: black with white numbers; one green-yellow core (DIN VDE 0293-308); the green-yellow core is the protective conductor. With 18 cores the cable combines power, brake, heater and signal circuits in one connection. The conductors are bare annealed copper. Bare copper has the lowest conductor resistance of the class 5 range and is the usual choice for dry and damp indoor use. Where the cable is exposed to salt, sulphur or permanent moisture, the tinned version of the same cable is preferable.

Standard background

DIN VDE 0250-814 describes the NSHTöu rubber trailing cable. The standard adds a tensile-bearing element to the heavy rubber-sheathed design so that the cable can be used as a trailing, reeling or festoon cable under tension. For sizes from 25 mm² the split-PE 3×+3E designs are the usual choice for crane and reel feeds.

The standard sheath compound is flexible down to 25 °C in motion and 40 °C in fixed installation. For regular use below this limit select the low-temperature grade of the same cable.

A braid of aramid yarn between the inner and the outer sheath takes the axial load that would otherwise stretch the copper. It keeps the stranded cores from lengthening, prevents loops (“bird-caging”) when the cable is released from tension on a reel and raises the permissible working load above the copper-based rating. The load must be introduced through a clamp that holds the sheath and the braid, never through the conductors.

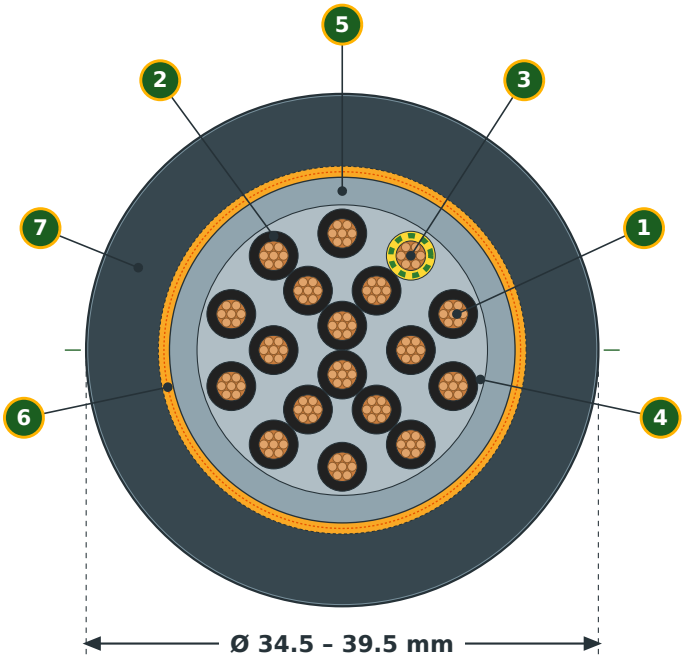
0.6/1 kV (rated phase-to-earth / phase-to-phase voltage) covers 400 V and 690 V three-phase systems; the test voltage is 3 kV.

02 Construction

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NSHTöu

Sample size 18G2.5 · Rev 0 · Illustrative, not to scale



No.	Component	Material
1	Conductor	Bare annealed fine-wire copper, class 5 to IEC 60228 / DIN VDE 0295
2	Insulation	HEPR rubber, type 3GI3 (90 °C)
3	Protective (PE) core	Green-yellow insulation, same cross-section as the power cores
4	Filler and binder tape	Rubber or compound filler with polyester binder tape
5	Inner sheath	Rubber compound, extruded over the stranded core
6	Tensile support braid	Aramid yarn braid between inner and outer sheath; carries the axial load
7	Outer sheath	Polychloroprene (CR) rubber, type 5GM5

The drawing shows size 18G2.5. Other sizes have the same construction with scaled dimensions; the layout of every size is checked for non-overlap of all elements.

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Construction details

Conductor	Bare annealed fine-wire copper, class 5 to DIN VDE 0295 / IEC 60228
Insulation	HEPR rubber, type 3GI3 (90 °C), maximum conductor temperature 90 °C
Core identification	Black with white numbers; one green-yellow core to DIN VDE 0293-308
Stranding	Cores in concentric layers with a short lay length
Inner sheath	Rubber compound; thickness about 2.0 mm at this size
Tensile support braid	Aramid yarn braid, 0.80 mm thick, between inner and outer sheath
Outer sheath	Polychloroprene (CR) rubber, type 5GM5; thickness about 5.2 mm at this size

03 Electrical, Thermal and Mechanical Characteristics

Electrical data

Rated voltage U_0/U	0.6/1 kV AC
Test voltage	3 kV AC, 5 min
Maximum operating voltage, three-phase	1.2 kV
Maximum operating voltage, DC (core-earth / core-core)	0.9/1.8 kV
Current-carrying capacity	Design values by the method of DIN VDE 0298-4, free air, 30 °C ambient
Conductor resistance	Maximum at 20 °C, class 5, bare

Thermal and mechanical data

Maximum conductor temperature	+90 °C
Maximum temperature at short circuit	+250 °C (5 s maximum)
Ambient temperature, fixed installation	−40 °C to +80 °C
Ambient temperature, in motion	−25 °C to +80 °C
Minimum bending radius	Fixed: 3 × D (D ≤ 12 mm), 4 × D (D > 12 mm); moving: 4 × D (≤ 12 mm), 5 × D (≤ 20 mm), 6 × D (> 20 mm); reeling: 6 to 10 × D
Maximum tensile load	Permanent 15 N/mm², dynamic 30 N/mm² on the total copper cross-section of the power cores (including the aramid support braid)
Flame propagation	IEC 60332-1-2 / DIN EN 60332-1-2
Halogen-free	No (CR rubber)
Mineral oil resistance	Resistant, DIN EN 60811-404
UV and ozone resistance	Resistant
Water	Damp and wet areas, spray water

04 Dimensions, Weights and Rated Data – 0.6/1 kV (3 sizes)

Type designation cores × mm²	FeiChun article no.	Cond. Ø max mm	Outer Ø min mm	Outer Ø max mm	Bend radius fixed mm	Bend radius moving mm	Weight approx. kg/km	Copper kg/km	Max. pull N	R_{20} max Ω/km	Rated current A	I_k (1 s) kA
18G1.5	FC-NSHT-0325-01	1.7	29.5	33.5	134	201	1,050	259	3,140	13.3	10	0.214
18G2.5	FC-NSHT-0325-02	2.2	34.5	39.5	158	237	1,560	430	3,930	7.98	14	0.357
18G4	FC-NSHT-0325-03	2.7	40.5	46.0	184	276	2,160	690	4,980	4.95	19	0.572

Current-carrying capacity: design values by the method of DIN VDE 0298-4, free air, 30 °C ambient; for other ambient temperatures use the factors below and the multi-core reduction factor already included in the table. Copper weight = 9.6 kg/(km·mm²) of copper cross-section (VDE copper index). Pull force = 15 N/mm² × total copper cross-section of the power cores plus the permissible load of the aramid braid. Diameters, dimensions and weights are nominal design values calibrated to published type tables; they vary within manufacturing tolerances. Confirm critical dimensions before dimensioning reels, glands or festoon systems. Other sizes and configurations are produced to order.

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Ambient temperature factors (conductor 90 °C)

°C	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
Factor	1.08	1.04	1.00	0.96	0.91	0.87	0.82	0.76	0.71

Short-circuit current rating

I_k = 0.143 kA/mm² × cross-section of the power core (conductor 90 °C → 250 °C). For another duration t: $I_{k,t} = I_{k,1s} / \sqrt{t}$ (0.1 s ≤ t ≤ 5 s).

05 Tensile Load, Reeling and Festoon Data

The values below support reel and festoon design: the permitted pull split into copper and braid parts, the free-hanging length (the length at which the cable's own weight reaches the rated pull, without a safety factor), the minimum reel core diameter and an indicative winding capacity for a reel with 2,500 mm flange diameter and 1,000 mm traverse width at 90 % fill. They are not a substitute for the reel manufacturer's calculation.

Type designation cores × mm²	Pull, copper N	Dynamic pull N	Pull, aramid braid N	Total permitted pull N	Free-hanging length m (vertical)	Min. reel core Ø mm	Winding capacity m (reel 2,500 × 1,000)
18G1.5	400	3,550	2,740	3,140	304	670	3,485
18G2.5	680	4,600	3,250	3,930	256	790	2,405
18G4	1,080	6,060	3,900	4,980	235	920	1,720

06 Voltage Drop, Losses and Short-Circuit Data

Voltage drop per 100 m of cable at rated current with the conductor at 90 °C, cos φ = 0.8 and reactance 0.08 Ω/km (three-phase). The percentage refers to a system voltage of 400 V. Loss is the total I²R loss of the loaded cores per 100 m. The short-circuit columns give the permitted current for four durations.

Type designation cores × mm²	Rated current A	R at 90 °C Ω/km	Voltage drop V / 100 m	Voltage drop % of 400 V	Loss kW / 100 m	I_k 0.1 s kA	I_k 0.5 s kA	I_k 1 s kA	I_k 3 s kA
18G1.5	10	17.0	23.58	5.90	0.51	0.678	0.303	0.214	0.124
18G2.5	14	10.2	19.86	4.96	0.60	1.13	0.506	0.357	0.206
18G4	19	6.31	16.78	4.19	0.68	1.81	0.809	0.572	0.330

07 Selection Guide and Sizing Aid

NSHTöu 18G covers 3 sizes. The smallest, 18G1.5, has an outer diameter of up to 33.5 mm and weighs about 1,050 kg/km; the largest, 18G4, has an outer diameter of up to 46.0 mm and weighs about 2,160 kg/km, 2.1 times as much. Across the range the rated current rises from 10 A to 19 A at 30 °C and the fixed bending radius from 134 mm to 184 mm.

Example 1. A circuit draws 9 A continuously at 40 °C ambient temperature, in a group of two cables. Temperature factor 0.91, grouping factor 0.80: required table current = 9 / (0.91 × 0.80) = 13 A. The smallest suitable size is 18G2.5 with 14 A.

Example 2. A circuit draws 17 A continuously at 35 °C ambient temperature, on its own. Temperature factor 0.96: required table current = 17 / (0.96) = 18 A. The smallest suitable size is 18G4 with 19 A.

08 Engineering Profile by Size

Every size of NSHTöu 18G with the dimensions that decide how it behaves in a circuit: layers, weight, copper share, heat, voltage drop, bending, termination and pull.

18G1.5. This size has with a conductor of Ø 1.7 mm under 0.70 mm of insulation (core Ø 3.1 mm) and 1.8 mm inner and 4.1 mm outer sheath; outer diameter 29.5–33.5 mm, weight about 1,050 kg/km of which copper 259 kg/km (25 %). Rated current 10 A at 30 °C; at that load the voltage drop is 23.58 V per 100 m (5.90 % of 400 V) and the loss 0.51 kW per 100 m. Bending radius 134 mm fixed, 201 mm moving; gland M50, lug bolt M5. Short-circuit rating 0.214 kA for 1 s; permitted pull 3,140 N, free-hanging length 304 m.

18G2.5. This size has with a conductor of Ø 2.1 mm under 0.70 mm of insulation (core Ø 3.5 mm) and 2.0 mm inner and 5.2 mm outer sheath; outer diameter 34.5–39.5 mm, weight about 1,560 kg/km of which copper 430 kg/km (28 %). Rated current 14 A at 30 °C; at that load the voltage drop is 19.86 V per 100 m (4.96 % of 400 V) and the loss 0.60 kW per 100 m. Bending radius 158 mm fixed, 237 mm moving; gland M63, lug bolt M5. Short-circuit rating 0.357 kA for 1 s; permitted pull 3,930 N, free-hanging length 256 m.

18G4. This size has with a conductor of Ø 2.7 mm under 0.70 mm of insulation (core Ø 4.1 mm) and 2.2 mm inner and 6.5 mm outer sheath; outer diameter 40.5–46.0 mm, weight about 2,160 kg/km of which copper 690 kg/km (32

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%). Rated current 19 A at 30 °C; at that load the voltage drop is 16.78 V per 100 m (4.19 % of 400 V) and the loss 0.68 kW per 100 m. Bending radius 184 mm fixed, 276 mm moving; gland M75, lug bolt M5. Short-circuit rating 0.572 kA for 1 s; permitted pull 4,980 N, free-hanging length 235 m.

Averaged over all sizes copper makes up 29 % of the cable weight; the share rises from 25 % at 18G1.5 to 32 % at 18G4, which is why the larger sizes are costed mostly on the copper market price.

09 Construction Dimensions by Size

Wall thicknesses and diameters of the layers at each size, taken from the validated cross-section layout; the overall diameter in section 04 is the sum of these layers within tolerance. The insulation wall follows the voltage class 0.6/1 kV.

Type designation cores × mm²	Conductor Ø mm	Core Ø over insulation, mm	Insulation wall mm	Laid-up core Ø mm	Inner sheath mm	Outer sheath mm	Screen + braid mm	Sheath share of Ø, %
18G1.5	1.65	3.05	0.70	18.2	1.81	4.07	0.77	42
18G2.5	2.13	3.53	0.70	21.0	1.99	5.22	0.80	43
18G4	2.70	4.10	0.70	24.3	2.21	6.53	0.84	44

10 Termination Planning (indicative)

Type designation cores × mm²	Outer Ø or W × H mm	Cable gland thread	Lug / ferrule bolt	Strip length mm	Straight length behind gland, mm
18G1.5	33.5	M50	M5	10	65
18G2.5	39.5	M63	M5	10	80
18G4	46.0	M75	M5	10	90

Gland threads, lug bolts and strip lengths are planning guides computed from the dimensions above; confirm them with the accessory manufacturer.

11 Comparison with Related Variants at Size 18G2.5

Variant	Differs in	Outer Ø / H mm	Weight kg/km	Pull N	Current A
This datasheet NSHTöu 18G 0.6/1 kV	–	39.5	1,560	3,930	14
NSHTöu 14G 0.6/1 kV 14G2.5	core configuration	40.0 (+1%)	1,510 (-3%)	3,860 (-2%)	16 (+14%)
NSHTöu 3×+3E 0.6/1 kV 3×25+3×25/3E	core configuration	41.5 (+5%)	2,120 (+36%)	4,390 (+12%)	131 (+836%)
NSHTöu 18G 0.6/1 kV 18G2.5	tinned vs bare copper	39.5 (+0%)	1,560 (+0%)	3,930 (+0%)	14 (+0%)
NSHTöu 18G 0.6/1 kV 18G2.5	low-temperature sheath	39.5 (+0%)	1,560 (+0%)	3,930 (+0%)	14 (+0%)
NSHTöu 18G 0.66/1.14 kV 18G2.5	voltage class	41.5 (+5%)	1,680 (+8%)	4,150 (+6%)	14 (+0%)
NSHTöu 12G 0.6/1 kV 12G2.5	core configuration	29.5 (-25%)	930 (-40%)	2,610 (-34%)	17 (+21%)
NSHTöu 3×+3E+2×1.5 0.6/1 kV 3×25+3×25/3E+2×1.5	core configuration	44.5 (+13%)	2,330 (+49%)	4,750 (+21%)	131 (+836%)
NSHTöu 10G 0.6/1 kV 10G2.5	core configuration	28.5 (-28%)	900 (-42%)	2,440 (-38%)	18 (+29%)

Percentages show the change against this datasheet; where a variant does not offer the exact size, the nearest listed size is used.

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12 Standards and Testing

Standard	Scope
DIN VDE 0250-814	Rubber-insulated flexible cable NSHTöu, 0.6/1 kV
DIN VDE 0295 / IEC 60228	Conductors, class 5
DIN VDE 0207-20 / -21	Rubber insulation and sheath compounds
DIN VDE 0293-308	Core identification
DIN VDE 0298-3 / -4	Application: bending, tensile load; current-carrying capacity
DIN EN 60332-1-2 / IEC 60332-1-2	Flame propagation, single cable

Routine and type tests

- AC voltage test on every drum length (routine test): 3 kV, 5 min
- Conductor resistance and checks of dimensions, insulation thickness and sheath thickness
- Continuity of conductors and protective earth
- Flame propagation test (IEC 60332-1-2) and mineral-oil resistance on type-test samples
- Tensile test of the finished cable and inspection of the aramid braid coverage (type test)
- Bending and torsion tests for reeling duty (type test)

Test documentation: every delivery is accompanied by a test certificate from FeiChun's own laboratory. Third-party witnessed tests can be arranged at the buyer's cost.

The design follows DIN VDE 0250-814. This datasheet does not claim the VDE approval mark; mark or approval certificates, where required for a project, are arranged on request and apply only to the type tested.

13 Installation, Marking and Delivery

Installation guidance

- Introduce the pulling or hanging load only through a strain-relief clamp or cable grip that holds the sheath and the aramid braid.
- Respect the dynamic limit of 30 N/mm² on the copper cross-section; the permanent limit is 15 N/mm².
- On a reel use a core diameter of at least 2 × the reel bending radius in the table and guide the cable without cross-over.
- Limit torsion by guiding the cable straight; release twist before re-spooling.
- Fit protective sleeves at the entry to the reel or trolley to avoid sheath wear.
- Terminate the protective conductors at both ends.

Sheath marking

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FEICHUN NSHTöu [cross-section] 0.6/1 kV [year] [serial no.] [metre mark]
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Packing and delivery

Drum	Steel or fumigated wooden drums; cable ends sealed with heat-shrink caps
Delivery length	As ordered, in one continuous length without joints
Lead time	2–3 weeks after technical approval
Warranty	At least 3 years against manufacturing defects
Drum label	Type, cross-section, length, gross/net weight, batch no., drum no.

Ordering information

Order example: NSHTöu 18G2.5 0.6/1 kV – 500 m on one drum. When requesting a quotation, state the cable type, configuration, cross-section, voltage, conductor (bare copper), length per piece, required standards and installation conditions.

14 Certification and Quality

All cable is subject to FeiChun's quality control, with routine testing over 100 % of the delivered length. Declarations of conformity, type-test reports and third-party tests (for example for a mine, a tunnel or a rail project) are provided per project requirement; copies of the records are available on request. FeiChun holds CE, EAC and UKCA documentation for certain product groups. Whether a certificate covers this specific construction must be confirmed with FeiChun before it is quoted in a tender.

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15 Related Datasheets and Frequently Asked Questions

Variants of this cable with a different configuration, conductor, temperature grade, screen or voltage. All datasheets are PDF files.

- NSHTöu 14G 0.6/1 kV – core configuration, CR rubber

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- NSHTöu 3×+3E 0.6/1 kV – core configuration, CR rubber
- NSHTöu 18G 0.6/1 kV – tinned vs bare copper, CR rubber, tinned
- NSHTöu 18G 0.6/1 kV – low-temperature sheath, CR rubber, low-temp
- NSHTöu 18G 0.66/1.14 kV – voltage class, CR rubber
- NSHTöu 12G 0.6/1 kV – core configuration, CR rubber
- NSHTöu 3×+3E+2×1.5 0.6/1 kV – core configuration, CR rubber
- NSHTöu 10G 0.6/1 kV – core configuration, CR rubber

Overview of all NSHTöu datasheets: NSHTöu Heavy Rubber Trailing Cables

Frequently asked questions

What does the T in NSHTöu stand for?
The T marks the tensile-bearing element of the trailing cable. In this datasheet it is realised as an aramid support braid between the inner and outer sheath.

What tensile load can the cable carry?
At the largest size, 18G4, the permitted pull is 4,980 N (15 N/mm² of the copper cross-section, plus the aramid braid).

What sizes are available for NSHTöu 18G?
3 sizes from 1.5 to 4 mm². The outer dimension of the largest size, 18G4, is 46.0 mm and the weight is about 2,160 kg/km.

What current can 18G2.5 carry?
14 A in free air at 30 °C ambient, with the conductor at 90 °C. Other temperatures and grouping change the value; use the factors in section 04.

16 Trademark Notice and Intellectual Property

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